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<p>1. Ambulance Strike Teams (AST) System Development: develop interim statewide AST plan and manual, protocols and procedures to meet the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) benchmark for EMS capacity, including strike team communications. Contact: Harry Geise, ext. 467</p>	<p>A draft ambulance strike team manual has been developed by the AST Committee and EMSA Staff. The committee is also working to revise the AST leader training and to develop a continuing education process for AST leaders. Placement locations have been determined for the 25 Disaster Medical Support Units (DMSU.) MOUs have been secured with agencies/providers who have agreed to house all 25 DMSUs. Twenty DMSUs have been placed so far with the remaining placements anticipated to be complete by the end of September of 2008. EMSA is in the process of collaborating with TEEX (Texas Engineering Extension Service) on the development of AST leader training for California.</p>
<p>2. California Disaster Medical Assistance Teams (CAL-MAT): develop 3 state disaster field medical response teams capable of rapid personnel deployment, standardized logistic packages, including mission support team (MST) support. Teams will train and exercise with state equipment including MFHs. Contact: Lisa Schoenthal, ext. 463</p>	<p>The contractor is providing operational readiness, management and personnel support to maintain two of EMSA's three Response Stations in coordination with the Response Resources Unit of Disaster Medical Services.</p> <p>CAL-MAT deployment response capability will be provided by the contractor when tasked by EMSA.</p> <p>Planning is underway for CAL-MAT participation in the Golden Guardian exercise at March Air Reserve Base in November 2008.</p>
<p>4. California Disaster Medical Network (CDMN): utilize standard software for all Medical/Health Operational Coordinators (MHOAC) s to report statewide hospital and EMS transport capabilities. Contact: Anne M. Bybee, ext. 407</p>	<p>EMSA is working with CDPH and other partners to implement an interim hospital data collection system by August 8, 2008 that meets federal Hav BED requirements. Funding has been made available to add the Hav BED required fields to the CDMN software.</p> <p>Initial training/orientation to the CDMN software provided to the RDMHS group and EMSA representative on May 22nd. Intent is to use this group as reference for county contacts.</p>
<p>5. California Disaster Medical Operations Manual (CDMOM): An operational manual to implement medical mutual aid system during day-to-day EMS events, multi-casualty and mass casualty events Contact: Juan Perez, ext. 472</p>	<p>Public comment period on the CDMOM closed June 30, 2008. Comments were reviewed and discussed by the EMSAAC Disaster Subcommittee and EMSA in mid-July. The revised draft was completed in August 2008. Another revision is anticipated after additional committee review in early September and the CDMOM will be presented to the Commission on EMS, December 2008 for approval.</p>

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<p>6. Disaster Interest Group (DIG): A private/public advisory forum of healthcare professionals established to identify issues and develop recommendations for emergency management common to California healthcare systems.</p> <p>Contact: Lisa Schoenthal, ext. 463</p>	<p>Currently addressing Cal OSHA and Fed OSHA integration of First Receiver Guidelines. Medical TLO issues were reviewed at the last quarterly meeting and hospital evacuation plans are a current for review. Expected completion date: Ongoing.</p>
<p>7. Disaster Medical Managers: Develop program for state and local EOC support through a system of trained medical mutual aid managers.</p> <p>Contact: Jody Durden, ext. 416</p>	<p>The course planning committee met in late August to review and finalize course content. Exercises are currently being developed to be incorporated in to the course. The first pilot course is scheduled for October 2008 in Southern California. The second pilot course will be held in late January in Northern California.</p>
<p>8. METRICS (Resource Typing) Project: Develop EMS/medical portion of OES/OHS statewide resource typing inventory to include plans, personnel, vehicles, and facilities.</p> <p>Contact: Anne M. Bybee, ext. 407</p>	<p>The EMS/Medical committee has completed its draft of resources that have been typed and have reviewed the federal EMS/Medical project's documents, making recommended changes for inclusion in California. Draft was submitted to OES on June 1st, 2007.</p> <p>Statewide Committee reconvened October 15th 2007 and will begin next phases of project, which will include training requirements and then Inventory Control. EMSA's Advisory Committee is on notice for upcoming tasks.</p> <p>DMS Staff meeting 3/5/08 with the OHS/OES Metrics staff to discuss the federal project and to provide a demonstration of the CAL MED Volunteers software.</p>

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<p>9. California Medical Volunteers/Disaster Healthcare Volunteers of California (California's ESAR-VHP program) Registering & Credentialing Mobilizing Health Care Personnel: develop plan for mobilizing, managing, and supporting health care personnel in event of an emergency.</p> <p>Contact: Randy Linthicum, ext. 406</p>	<p>On July 23, 2007, EMSA completed the procurement process for a statewide ESAR-VHP software system. Collaborative Fusion, Inc. was chosen as the vendor. EMSA officially named the California ESAR-VHP system California Medical Volunteers. Full implementation of the California Medical Volunteers system is underway. On January 2, 2008, the system became fully capable of registering all licensed personnel, as well as non-licensed members of medical response teams. https://medicalvolunteer.ca.gov/. Representatives of 52 counties have been given system administrator rights during training sessions in January, February, March, April and May.</p> <p>EMSA is also working simultaneously to develop policies and procedures for the designated Operational Area System Administrators to manage and use the ESAR-VHP system locally. EMSA staff also continues to work with the MRC Advisory Committee to develop policies and procedures for MRC system administrators. . To date, 52 counties and 27 MRC Units have been trained in the system. A final training course is being offered August 12 to give those counties and MRCs who were unable to participate in the earlier trainings the opportunity to become system administrators to manage their medical volunteers.</p> <p>A new update to the CORES system version 3.8 will be on-line starting August 1. From August 1-15 a user group of interested system administrators will be asked to work with new version and provide feedback on the update. By mid-August, it is anticipated that EMSA will conduct webinars with the existing system administrators to demonstrate the system updates and train administrators on the new features.</p> <p>A contract with a CMAS marketing firm has been signed and implementation of an aggressive marketing plan will begin in August.</p> <p>The ESAR-VHP Grant Year is coming to a close. EMSA has determined that the Cal Med Volunteers Program has met the grant guidelines requirements established for the FY 08. EMSA has already initiated steps to implement the FY 09 grant guidelines as well.</p> <p>After receiving feedback from stakeholders, EMSA determined California Medical Volunteers would be renamed "Disaster Healthcare Volunteers of California" in September, 2008. This name is more descriptive and inclusive of all medical and health professionals in the system (such as mental health professions and veterinarians, as well as others).</p>

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<p>10. Exercises and Training: develop a standard approach to quantity of training and exercises and exercise objectives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emergency Response Training Advisory Committee: develop EMS personnel training programs in preparation for terrorism and medical disaster response. Include SEMS/NIMS. <p>Contact: Jody Durden, ext. 416 or (for MST Training) Anne Bybee, ext. 407</p>	<p>Expected completion date: Ongoing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Mission Support Team (MST) and Disaster Medical Managers (DMM) Mutual Aid Training Programs are being developed through Interagency Agreement with OES-CSTI. Completion date has been extended to provide adequate time for subject matter expert input. Target dates for DMM pilot programs are October in Southern CA and January in the S.F. Bay Area. b. MST Training conducted March 26/27 in Santa Clara County and April 29/30 in Orange County. The MST Training program was submitted to the Office of Homeland Security for review.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Statewide Exercises: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Statewide Medical Health Exercise b. Golden Guardian 2008 <p>Contact: Jeff Rubin, ext. 419 or (for Golden Guardian 2008) Anne Bybee, ext. 407</p>	<p>The next Statewide Medical Health Exercise will be planned for spring 2009.</p> <p>GG 08 is planned for November 2008. EMSA has requested funding for State-level field medical involvement. EMSA will coordinate participation to include set-up of the Mobile Field Hospital (MFH) with staffing by CAL-MAT and CAL-MED Volunteers and integration of ASTs and DMSUs, and local response entities, all with the support services provided by the MST. EMSA is planning for and will also be participating in the state level Emergency Operations Center activities.</p>
<p>11. Medical Sheltering: update Shelter Medical Group Toolkit.</p> <p>Contact: Juan Perez, ext. 472</p>	<p>Various documents in the Shelter Medical Group Toolkit, including the shelter categories were revised based on recent sheltering experiences. The draft documents were sent to local partners on May 21, 2008. Comments were requested by June 11, 2008. The planning group met in July to review the comments received and revise the documents as needed. The revised guidelines were submitted to the California Health and Human Services Agency in late July.</p> <p>Pending further review within the Administration, it is expected the document will be released in September 2008.</p>

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<p>12. Mission Support Team (MST)</p> <p>System Development: develop field Mission Support Team (MST) and recruitment, training, and mobilization plan. Contact: Anne Bybee, ext. 407</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. MST manual editing/re-write after the 2008 MST training has yet to be completed, but is on the Workplan prior to GG08 training event. b. EMSA has received over 60 applications for participation on the MST. c. Training occurred in March and April of 2008 (see #10 above). Next phase of training to be developed is the Intermediate level. d. MST will be deployed to support GG '08 with MFH set-up and CAL-MAT, CAL-MED Volunteer, AST and DMSU training. Approximately 25 MST members will be participating.
<p>Response Resources: prepare and maintain MST response vehicles and caches. Contact: Jim Hamilton, ext. 313</p>	<p>MST vehicles received, communications equipment is currently being installed. MST caches being standardized and equipment deficiencies being purchased. One MST local support vehicle has been completed by Tele-Com and the State Communications vehicle is currently receiving radio and satellite installations.</p>
<p>13. Medical Mutual Aid System and Regional Disaster Medical/Health Specialists: implement tasks identified in the RDMHS 2008-2009 contract scope of work. Contact: Patrick Lynch, ext. 452</p>	<p>Implementation of a statewide cooperative assistance agreement is part of the second phase of CD-MOM development and implementation (See CD-MOM). The RDMHS will resume work on the RDMHS and Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC) manuals.</p>
<p>14. Mobile Field Hospitals (MFH): purchase, equipment and deploy 3 Mobile Field Hospitals. Contact: Jim Hamilton, ext. 330</p>	<p>Three 200 bed mobile field hospitals received and strategically located in stand-alone warehouses in northern, central and southern California. Quarterly inspections of the MFH caches are ongoing.</p>

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<p>15. MRC (Medical Reserve Corps): develop a statewide MRC program, including standards and qualifications, in conjunction with Governor's California Volunteers, California Department of Health Services, and US PHS Region IX.</p> <p>Contact: Sheila Martin, ext. 465</p>	<p>The MRC Advisory Committee conducted a conference call on May 20, 2008 to review and discuss the draft principles of operation for the integration of the MRC into the Cal Med Volunteers System. Recommendations were made and many suggestions have been incorporated into the document. EMSA has developed this draft "California Medical Volunteers System Medical Reserve Corps Principles of Operations" document to address specific issues unique to MRCs use of the system. Once the document is vetted by management, it will be distributed to all the MRC Units in the State.</p> <p>On August 12, EMSA is conducting a webinar for the MRC coordinators who are now system administrators in the Cal Med Volunteers System to refresh their May 08 training and to demonstrate the new CORES 3.8 Version update that take effect August 1. A final system administrator session in Sacramento on August 14 is being offered for all the MRC coordinators who were unable to make the May 08 training sessions.</p> <p>Work will also continue on Resource Typing for Shelter Medical Care and Future MRC Exercise Opportunities.</p> <p>EMSA staff participated in a MRC exercise in Ventura County in July 2008 where the California Medical Volunteers/Disaster Healthcare Volunteers software system was successfully tested to call up and deploy MRC members.</p>
<p>16. Statewide Emergency Plan Update: participate in the revision of the medical section of the Statewide Plan.</p> <p>Contact: Jeff Rubin, ext. 419</p>	<p>OES is updating the Statewide Emergency Plan and moving toward implementing Emergency Functions. EMSA is a participant in stakeholder meetings for State partners. Participation will be ongoing. The updated Statewide Emergency Plan is available for comments and viewing at http://www.oes.ca.gov/, under "Information and Resources".</p>
<p>17. CAL-MAT Cache: equipment purchases and standardization of all three caches.</p> <p>Contact: Bill Hartley, ext 314</p>	<p>Making adjustments to the caches for deployment of medical specialty teams and making additional equipment purchases with input from the end-users. Re-modeling the cache to be more user friendly and standardized at all three stations.</p>